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1. REFTEL (A) ALL REFUGEE A-NUMBERS ASSIGNED KL FOR IPP-77
FALL WITHIN BLOCK OF NUMBERS AUTHORIZED MOVEMENT,
THEREFORE WE EXPECT NO SPECIAL HANDLING PROBLEMS DUE TO
INADEQUATE PROGRAM FUNDING.
2. REFTEL (B) PARA B, WE HAVE 17 DUAL-PROGRAM FAMILIES WHERE
FAMILY HEADS TRAVELING CE MAY BE ACCOMPANIED BY IPP-77
MINORS AND OTHER MEMBERS. ICEM INDICATES THAT CE-FUNDING
COVERS TWO NIGHTS IN HONG KONG, BUT THAT IPP FUNDING
COVERS ONLY ONE NIGHT THERE. POST AND ICEM/KUALA LUMPUR
SEE POSSIBLE SOLUTION WOULD BE TO MOVE SUCH DUAL-PROGRAM
FAMILIES AS FOLLOWS: SEND ABOUT 60 CE-APPROVED PERSONS
TO HONG KONG, HAVE IPP-APPROVED MEMBERS JOIN THEM IN HONG
KONG THE NEXT DAY, AND ENTIRE FAMILY SPEND ONE NIGHT IN
HONG KONG, CONTINUING TOGETHER TO CONUS. TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY/

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THURSDAY FLIGHTS APPEAR BEST.
POST AND ICEM/KL PROPOSE THAT 169 CE CASES, PLUS IPP MEMBERS,
COULD MOVE IN THREE OR FOUR MOVEMENTS ONE DAY LATER THAN
REFTEL (A) AS FOLLOWS:
(A) 60 PERSONS ON MAR 28, IPP-77 JOINING IN HONG KONG MAR 29.
(B) 60 PERSONS ON APR 4, IPP-77 JOINING ON APR 5.
(C) GROUP ON APR 18, IPP-77 JOINING ON APR 19.

(D) GROUP ON APR 25, IPP-77 JOINING ON APR 26.
POST UNDERSTANDS APR 5 IS HOLIDAY IN HONG KONG. IF INS OR
ICEM DO NOT OPERATE THAT DAY, POST CAN ELIMINATE APR 4 FLIGHT
AND SEND 60 ON APR 18.

3. BUT IN VIEW OF COMPLICATIONS, POST FEELS CONVERSION OF CE-
APPROVED UNMARRIED SIBLINGS AND OTHERS TO IPP-77 SHOULD BE
RECONSIDERED. (A) ORIGINAL PURPOSE WAS TO SUPPLEMENT IPP-77
NUMBERS AND MOVE MARRIED SIBLINGS WHO THEORETICALLY WOULD BE
EXCLUDED. HOWEVER, REFTEL (C) PARA 7, INDICATES THAT MARRIED
SIBLINGS ARE RPT ARE ELIGIBLE UNDER IPP-78 PROVIDING THEY ARE
VIEWED FOR RESETTLEMENT BY OTHER COUNTRIES BUT ARE NOT ACCEPTED.
POST FEELS LITTLE PROBLEM HERE SINCE OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE NOT
BEEN ACCEPTING MARRIED SIBLINGS ON BASIS OF SIBLINGS IN THE
U.S. (B) MOVEMENT PROBLEMS FOR DUAL-PROGRAM FAMILIES, OUT-
LINED IN PARA 2, WOULD NOT OCCUR IF ALL MOVE CE. AIR BOOKINGS
AND GROUND/HOTEL MOVEMENT ARE REDUCED, AND FAMILIES WOULD STAY
TOGETHER. (C) JVAR REPORTS 102 ASSURANCES RECEIVED TO DATE
FOR CE. IF UNMARRIED SIBLINGS AND ADD-ONS GO IPP-77, WE
HAVE ASSURANCES FOR ONLY 76 PERSONS, AND ADDING NEW CASES
TO GO CE MEANS INCREASED PROBABILITY THAT ALL ASSURANCES WILL
NOT RPT NOT ARRIVE IN TIME TO COMPLETE CE MOVEMENT BY END OF
APRIL. IN SHORT, DISADVANTAGES APPEAR TO OUTWEIGH ADVANTAGES
OF DUAL-PROGRAM CONCEPT FOR THESE CASES.

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